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FYI

Thank you,
Julie

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Hi.

In case you haven't seen this, I think you should. It sums up the feelings of the community following Tuesday's EPA public meeting on West Lake Landfill and follows the

theme of every report that I have seen in the media since.

It is especially noteworthy that Todd Thalhammer, MDNR's landfill fire consultant, took the time to address the community through their Facebook page (West Lake Landfill).

Julia, please forward this to Dr. Brooks.

Sincerely,
Harvey

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Subject: Thalhammer e-mail to resident

Hello everyone,

This is an e-mail that was posted up on the facebook page. This is from Todd Thalhammer in response to a residents concerns and thanking him for what he is doing. I have to say that out of everyone and agency working on this issue, Todd Thalhammer is the one person who they respect and feel has been the most transparent. I read this response and personally felt a level of empathy and understanding that I have not felt when dealing with anyone else from any agency. It was comforting and to hear and see him speak about our community effort this way was a moral boost. When his suggestions go either unheard or unheeded then it causes a level of panic that I think everyone copied in on this e-mail will agree we don't need right now. If you take nothing away from this e-mail then at least you can maybe understand that at this point these people are reaching out to someone to step up and offer them some sort of help or support. In response to the EPA meeting I have heard a "tone" when describing this community that is upsetting. I don't agree with how many of the residents acted and to hear people shouting from the balcony was upsetting and uncalled for, but the level of fear that these people have been experiencing has been under reported and misunderstood. My community has been through an EF4 tornado and I have never seen them pushed to this level of fear and panic. I guess what I'm saying is a little sympathy goes a long way right now! While some of the hollering and screaming was uncalled for, the general mood of the crowd was **VERY** appropriate. Keep in mind that even as of two day's ago, I spent hours searching for methane maps and then sent them to the fire department...these are maps that they needed and that they didn't have. In a sense...I spent hours doing someones job! Who's job that is, you need to figure out because that is part of the problem. If you want to assure the residents that these agencies are doing all they can....then make sure this is the case! When residents find new information or math errors...it looks really bad and makes them feel like they can't rely on others. The fact that this is happening on a weekly basis at this point should scare you all

as elected officials and agency leads! I know it personally scares me and keeps me up at night whenever I find some important document or piece of information that someone has missed. It's like having to tell your surgeon how to remove your appendix or read an ex ray. The emotional roller coaster that these people are living in is taking a toll on them and that is what you saw and experienced at the EPA meeting. I personally tried to post on facebook, call and e-mail people and assure them that they are being taken care of. I believe that is true and that the agencies are doing **EVERYTHING** they can, but what I'm not sure of and what we **ALL** left the EPA meeting understanding is that in the end will it be enough...and if it isn't then what happens to us?

Thank you for your time,

Dawn Chapman

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I was impressed with your community and its desire to see this issue resolved. This is truly the only way you will see this through, you need to band together for a common cause. Use your elected officials and push your concerns through them. The system has to answer you this way. Thank you for the kind words, I am just providing my opinion to a very complex issue that has impacted many businesses and residences. I have heard from a number of residences and my apologies for not being more available to discuss the site and data. As you know I am under contract with DNR and I have to follow a process for all public contact. Which does not stop you from asking as many questions as you would like. You just have to ask the DNR and I will do what I can. You also may be able to request a web cast to discuss the smoldering event specifically. I am looking at the most recent data and will again summarize my finding within 7 days. I suggest you ask if there has been any update to my first opinion and any other issues your group may have. I will do my best to answer what I am able to; however, as you know I do not have all the answers. This site not fit the standard smoldering fire when it comes to outcomes.

I will say as far as I am professionally concern, I will do everything I can do to not let the smoldering event in the South Quarry meet the rad waste. This is exactly why I designed a failsafe line (criteria for construction of the fire break) so no one can argue that the break should or should not be constructed. My concerns are with you and your children. Be diligent, calm, and push for answers.

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